

# House District 22

## Sharon M. Cissna, Democrat



**DATE OF BIRTH:** April 5, 1942  
**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Seattle, Washington  
**NAME OF SPOUSE:** Stanley Robbins (deceased)  
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**OCCUPATION:** Publication business owner  
**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 35 years  
Anchorage 1967 to present  
Fairbanks 1993-1994  
Kodiak 1974-1978

### EDUCATION:

Federal Way Washington, 1956-1960; University of Washington, 1964-1967; UAA, 1970-1972, B.A.; APU, 1990-1992, M.S. Counseling Psychology; currently enrolled UAA M.P.A. w/Health emphasis.

### POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

3 terms Alaska State House; Co-Chair, Legislative Health Caucus; Health, Education/Social Services (HESS) Committee, Budget Subcommittee; Military/Veterans; Committee; Budget Subcommittee on UofA, NCSL Health/Social Services Committees; Coordinator, Affordable Health Workgroup and API Summit; former Chair, Airport Heights Community Council; Chair, Chugach State Park Ad Hoc Committee, 1969-1970.

### BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Publication business, 1972-2000; Mental Health Counselor, 12 years 1963-1998.

### STATEMENT:

Health and Social Services are a large slice out of the State's budget (24.47%). In Alaska's Job Market (reported by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development) Health Care fills least 7% of the workforce. Anchorage's Health Care employment is growing at 89%. Labor economists say that this is sustainable growth.

Alaskan Health Care's Home Office - The job representing this district has responsibilities with multiple facets:

- **Education.** In our economic hub we have diverse institutions. As a public servant, my job is to ensure that our public schools meet the quality and performance standards that the public demands. Also crucial, because of our health and education economic zone, workforce ladders that prepare our students for the skills that would allow them to gain jobs right where they live are needed. I have been working with the school district to make this happen.

- **Roads, Traffic, Transportation.** One of the most important growth considerations of this district are our roads. Traffic which moves quickly around the district and neighborhoods, and slows down within will lead to a safe, quality experience for all. Parks, Trails and Chester Creek. In our four Community Councils, the parks, trails and creek are major considerations. I have served on each council's committess and joined efforts to both plan and put that planning into action.

- **Health, Quality Service, Affordable Cost.** Health is the fastest growing sector in Alaska's economy. Ironically, the jobs that are being produced as a result of this growth are also one of many causes for increases in the cost of health care. I work to monitor quality of our local services, and fight to make sure that the State of Alaska handles the tension between offering the best programs to our Seniors, our Veterans, our children and families while reducing costs.

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